Washington, DC -- U.S. Rep. Michael A. Arcuri (D-Utica) will be accepting applications for nominations to U.S. military service academies until October 19th.

"In today's complex world, we need the best and the brightest attending our nation's service academies, and I am confident the students of the 24th Congressional district are up to that challenge," said Arcuri. "I strongly encourage any student interested in applying to a military academy to contact my office regarding the nomination process. I look forward to nominating outstanding students from across the 24th district to such prestigious schools. Service academies offer not only the opportunity to serve our great country, but provide a world-class education"

After reviewing student applications and conducting interviews, Arcuri will nominate local students for admission to the U.S. Air Force Academy, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, U.S. Military Academy, and U.S. Naval Academy.

Instructions for applying for a nomination may be found at <a href="http://www.arcuri.house.gov/academ">http://www.arcuri.house.gov/academ</a> . Arcuri's office can also be v.shtml reached toll free at (800)-235-2525.

All applications must be received by mail, please send to:

Office of U.S. Rep. Michael Arcuri Alexander Pirnie Federal Building 10 Broad Street, Utica, NY 13501 Attn: Jason Phelps

After receiving a nomination from their Congressman, applicants must also apply directly to the academy of their choice.

In May, Arcuri hosted an information session for high school sophomores and juniors interested

in applying to one of the service academies.

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